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# Town of Canaan

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1954

WARRANT

and

Municipal Budget

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TOGETHER WITH THE

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

FOR 1953

And

DISTRICT WARRANT AND BUDGET

FOR THE YEAR 1954





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# Town Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L. S.) To the Inhabitants of the Town of Canaan in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Canaan, N. H., on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same by approval of the budget as submitted by the Town budget committee.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to employ the services of the State of New Hampshire Assessors and raise money to pay for the same. Or take any action thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to employ the services of the State of New Hampshire Auditors to audit the town books and raise money to pay for the same. Or take any action thereto.

6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to continue the present policy of cooperation with the State of New Hampshire in the building of bridges, and to borrow necessary funds to finance this action.

7. To see what action the Town will take to approve the purchase of a new fire truck, said truck to conform to the specifications of the State of New Hampshire Board of Underwriters, selection of said truck to be made by a committee composed of the board of Selectmen, the Town Fire Chief, and the chairman of the Town Budget Committee.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on a long term note for the purchase of a new fire truck.

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to create ordinances for the welfare of the Town.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint one Road Agent for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1955, said Road Agent, under the direction of the Selectmen, to have charge of the construction, maintenance and repair of all Town highways and bridges and the maintenance and repair of all Town sidewalks, within the limits of the Town, except as provided in the law pertaining to State aid for highways and bridges; said appointment being in accordance with Chapter 188, Part 16, Section 6 of the laws of New Hampshire.

11. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

JOSEPH L. GRAHAM  
STANLEY C. BOGARDUS  
JAMES Q. RICARD  
Selectmen of Canaan

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOSEPH L. GRAHAM  
STANLEY C. BOGARDUS  
JAMES Q. RICARD  
Selectmen of Canaan

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En  
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Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensu Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,910.94	\$ 2,064.57	\$ 2,000.00
Railroad Tax	1,900.00	1,890.09	1,850.00
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	178.19	175.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	40.00	57.62	57.62
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber		799.26	799.26
For Fighting Forest Fires		10,650.83	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		768.64	
Class V Road Maintenance		2,537.82	2,537.82
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	450.00	491.45	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing fees	60.00	79.00	85.00
Fines and Forfeits, Municipal Court	400.00	495.32	450.00
Rent of Town Hall and other Buildings	2,000.00	1,895.00	1,895.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	30.00	153.92	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	70.00		70.00
Income of Departments:			
Blister Rust		.40	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,000.00	4,652.62	4,500.00
Sale of Town Property		125.00	
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	1,080.00	1,124.00	1,100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	22.00	22.00	22.00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	\$12,112.92	\$27,985.73	\$16,091.70

# CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

During Year, January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954

and with

figures of Previous Year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1953	Actual Expend. Prev. Yr. Bud. Com. 1953	Appros. Rec'm by 1954
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## CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,448.10	\$ 2,448.10	\$ 2,948.10
Town Officers' Expenses	670.00	724.11	1,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	160.00	83.00	375.00
Municipal Court Expenses	350.00	441.00	450.00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	1,800.00	1,874.65	2,300.00

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	200.00	134.20	200.00
Fire Department	1,000.00	10,418.00	1,000.00
Blister Rust	400.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	1,400.00	1,069.24	1,325.00
Civil Defense	100.00	33.25	50.00

### Health:

Health Department, Including Hospitals	50.00		50.00
Vital Statistics	50.00	54.75	50.00
Sewer Maintenance	100.00	269.20	500.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	250.00	709.38	700.00

### Highways and Bridges:

Tractor	300.00	283.21	500.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	8,500.00	11,050.22	10,037.82
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,500.00	4,880.27	5,000.00
Street Lighting	1,830.00	1,827.96	1,884.00
Gen. Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00	1,638.03	1,200.00
Town Road Aid	1,248.79	1,248.79	1,262.12
Brush	900.00	843.35	900.00
Libraries	675.00	675.00	675.00

### Public Welfare:

Town Poor	1,800.00	1,788.11	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,500.00	7,102.39	7,000.00

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Asso'n	140.00	134.75	140.00
Aid to Soldiers and their Families	350.00	118.75	250.00

### Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds	400.00	402.75	400.00
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(Expenses carried to page 7.)

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

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Sources of Revenue	Estimated Previous Year 1953	Actual Previous Year 1953	Estimated Ensuing Year 1954
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# CANAAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

During Year, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Compared with

Expenses of the Previous Year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1953	Actual Expend. Prev. Yr. Bud. Com. 1953	Appro. Rec'm by 1954
(Expenses brought from page 5.)			
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	200.00	54.00	200.00
State Audit			338.72
Unclassified	1,000	1,233.57	
Damages and Legal Expenses			
Including Dog Damage	50.00	49.00	250.00
Advertising and Regional Ass'n's	80.00	80.00	80.00
Taxes Bought by Town		2,527.61	
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	200.00	235.56	200.00
On Long Term Notes		63.89	60.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	1,337.22	
Tarvia	2,400.00	1,798.25	2,400.00
Sidewalk Construction	100.00	183.15	200.00
New Equipment—Fire Truck			500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	700.00	700.00	500.00
Deficit of Previous Year	3,058.51	3,058.51	1,824.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$50,910.40</b>	<b>\$65,973.22</b>	<b>\$54,050.26</b>

# NOTES

# School District Report

# School Warrant

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Canaan, New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the sixth day of March, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to use any receipts under-estimated in the budget for 1954-1955 to pay liabilities under-estimated in the 1954-1955 budget.

10. To see if the School District will vote to adopt the non-partisan ballot system for the election of school district officers as provided by revised laws, Chapter 34, as inserted by Chapter 22, sections 112-122, laws of 1943.

11. To see what action the district will take regarding the time and place of the next annual meeting.

Given under our hands at said Canaan this 17th day of February 1954.

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER  
ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.  
MRS. ESTHER WATSON

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER  
ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.  
MRS. ESTHER WATSON

School Board

# CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 1954 - 55

## EXPENDITURES

### ITEM

#### Administration:

Salaries of district officers  
Superintendent's salary (local share)  
Tax for state wide supervision  
Salaries of other administrative personnel  
Supplies and expenses

#### Instruction:

High school teachers' and principal's salaries  
Elementary teachers' salaries  
Books and other instruction aids, high  
Books and other instruction aids, elementary  
Scholars' supplies, high  
Scholars' supplies, elementary  
Supplies and other expenses, high  
Supplies and other expenses, elementary  
Operation of School Plant:  
Salaries of janitor, high  
Salaries of janitors, elementary  
Fuel or heat, high  
Fuel or heat, elementary  
Water, light, supplies and expenses high  
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary  
Maintenance of School Plant:  
Repairs and replacements, high

Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expen. 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	Sch. Brd. Bud. Com. Budget 1954-55
\$ 321.00 \$	358.00 \$	321.00 \$	321.00 \$
1,170.15	1,170.15	1,305.52	986.23
600.00	600.00	618.00	602.00
443.85	443.85	483.52	472.85
500.00	489.35	500.00	1,050.00
10,900.00	10,956.60	11,500.00	11,500.00
18,650.00	18,892.76	19,450.00	21,850.00
250.00	435.02	250.00	300.00
500.00	356.76	500.00	550.00
300.00	275.68	250.00	400.00
650.00	787.62	750.00	800.00
300.00	416.36	200.00	200.00
100.00	234.59	300.00	300.00
500.00	666.60	500.00	500.00
1,100.00	1,333.40	1,500.00	1,500.00
400.00	458.47	400.00	400.00
900.00	876.95	900.00	900.00
150.00	136.62	150.00	150.00
425.00	674.10	600.00	700.00
200.00	135.00	200.00	800.00

Repairs and replacements, elementary	200.00	150.10	200.00	200.00	200.00
Auxiliary Activities:					
Health supervision, high	291.25	230.42	237.62	100.00	100.00
Health supervision, elementary	400.00	471.52	500.00	344.00	344.00
Transportation, high	1,200.00	1,160.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Transportation, elementary	4,600.00	4,640.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
Tuition, elementary	150.00	175.00	175.00	200.00	200.00
Special activities and special funds, high	100.00	87.10	100.00	100.00	100.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary	100.00	111.30	100.00	100.00	100.00
School lunch, elementary		1,376.76			
Fixed Charges:					
Retirement, high	750.00	658.23	700.00	700.00	700.00
Retirement, elementary	1,100.00	1,245.79	1,200.00	1,735.00	1,735.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, high	650.00		250.00		
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elementary		643.83	900.00	850.00	850.00
Contingency Fund	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
	<u>\$48,401.25</u>	<u>\$50,648.53</u>	<u>\$51,340.66</u>	<u>\$55,611.08</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES					
Capital Outlay:					
Lands and new buildings, elementary		122.70			
Additions and improvements, elementary		318.86			
New equipment, high	50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00
New equipment, elementary	50.00	1,478.60	50.00	50.00	50.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$1,920.16</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY					

Debt and Interest:					
Principal of debt	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on debt	1,710.00	1,710.00	1,620.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
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TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST	\$6,710.00	\$6,710.00	\$6,620.00	\$6,530.00	\$6,530.00
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TOTAL EXPEND. OR SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	\$55,211.25	\$59,278.69	\$58,060.66		
ITEM		RECEIPTS			
Balance (actual or estimated)		3.23	5.16		
State Aid		6,958.71	12,390.95	10,966.96	
Trust Funds	45.00	381.03	45.00	45.00	
High school tuition	1,400.00	1,425.09	1,400.00	2,000.00	
Elementary school tuition	1,600.00	3,020.62	1,500.00	2,200.00	
Other		3,687.36			
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TOT. RECEIPTS OTHER THAN PROP. TAXES	\$3,045.00	\$15,476.04	\$15,341.11		
District Assessment Raised or to be Raised by Property Taxes	44,666.25	44,666.25	42,719.55		
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TOTAL APPROP. VOTED BY SCHOOL DIST.	\$55,211.25		\$58,060.66		



**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

FRANK B. CLARKE, Moderator

RUTH G. HICKS, Treasurer

FRANK B. CLARKE, Auditor

TRUMAN J. CLARK, Auditor

ROXIE GOULD, Clerk

**School Board**

ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.

Term expires 1954

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER

Term expires 1955

ESTHER E. WATSON

Term expires 1956

**Superintendent of Schools**

C. Maurice Gray

**Attendance Officer**

Eugene F. Lorden

**School Nurse**

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

**Report of School Treasurer****Summary:**

Cash on hand July 1, 1952		\$3.23
Received from Selectmen, Current		
Appropriation \$44,666.25 plus \$8,000		
loan to Town	\$52,666.25	
Received from State Treasurer,		
State aid	6,958.71	
Received from State Treasurer,		
Federal Funds	1,376.76	
Received from Tuitions	4,445.71	
Received as Income from		
Trust Funds	381.03	
Received from all other sources	136.60	
Building Fund	2,174.00	
Total Receipts		\$68,139.06
Total Amount available for Fiscal Year		\$68,142.29
Less School Board Orders Paid:		
Gen. Fund	65,850.13	

Bldg. Fund	1,428.56	
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Balance on hand June 30, 1953:		
Gen. Fund	118.16	
Bldg. Fund	745.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 863.60
June 30, 1953	RUTH G. HICKS, District Treasurer	

### Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Canaan of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

TRUMAN J. CLARK,  
FRANK B. CLARKE,

July 27, 1953

Auditors

### School Board's Report

Receipts:		
From Selectmen, current appropriation	\$44,666.25	
Return of loan to town	8,000.00	
From State Aid	6,958.71	
From Federal Funds, school lunch	1,376.76	
From tuitions	4,445.71	
From Trust Funds	381.03	
From all other sources	136.60	
Building Fund	2,174.00	
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Total Receipts		\$68,139.06
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		3.23
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Grand Total		\$68,142.29

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Salaries of District Officers

N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	\$66.00	
Kathryn Carlson, census	50.00	
Joseph C. Chandler, salary	50.00	
Alfred D. Neily, Jr., salary	50.00	
Frank B. Clarke, moderator and auditor, 2 years	22.00	
Theresa Fleetham, clerk, 2 years	10.00	
Truman Clark, auditor, 2 years	10.00	
Ruth G. Hicks, treasurer	75.00	
Eugene Lorden, truant officer	25.00	
		\$358.00

### Superintendent's Salary

Supervisory Union No. 4	1,170.15
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### Tax for State Wide Supervision

Treasurer, State of N. H.	600.00
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### Salaries of Administrative Personnel

Supervisory Union No. 4	443.85
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### Expenses of Administration

N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	\$147.28	
The Reporter Press, printing and notices	176.75	
Supervisory Union No. 4, office expense	127.79	
Leon Barnum, expenses	2.00	
Frank K. Clarke, expenses	8.57	
Bristol School District, supplies	1.60	
N. H. School Boards Ass'n., dues	5.00	
George Sullivan, box rent	.75	
D. C. Heath & Co., book	3.72	
Ruth G. Hicks, postage	15.89	
		\$489.35

### Teachers' Salaries—High School

George Sullivan	3,800.00	
Teachers' Retirement	226.10	
		\$3,573.90
Annette Burns	2,600.00	
Teachers' Retirement	175.50	
Withholding Tax	388.80	
		\$2,035.70

Harriet Ford	2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	177.79	
Withholding Tax	321.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,800.61
Donald MacGregor	2,400.00	
Teachers' Retirement	134.40	
Withholding Tax	84.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,181.60
Director of Internal Revenue		831.00
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System		713.79
Norman Wakely		20.00
	<hr/>	\$11,156.60

### Teachers' Salaries—Elementary

Kathryn Carlson	2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	149.40	
Withholding Tax	321.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,829.00
Virginia Smith	2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	166.29	
Withholding tax	456.00	
Blue Cross	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,671.71
Alice Lorden	2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	193.43	
Withholding Tax	321.60	
Blue Cross	50.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,734.57
Ruby Peaslee	2,300.00	
Teachers' retirement	177.80	
Withholding Tax	189.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,932.60
Sibyl Gambell	\$2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	150.19	
Withholding tax	189.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,960.21
Margaret Eggleston	\$2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	159.85	
Withholding tax	456.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,684.15
Harriet Morrison	\$2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	191.13	
Withholding tax	321.60	

Blue Cross	50.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,736.87
Viola Sullivan	\$2,300.00	
Teachers' Retirement	149.04	
Withholding tax	321.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,829.36
Arlene Chapman	\$ 50.00	
Olive Goss	10.00	
Roxie Gould	140.00	
N.H. Teachers' Retirement System	1,328.19	
N.H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	112.80	
Director of Internal Revenue	2,673.30	
	<hr/>	\$18,692.76

**Text Books**

High School	\$435.02	
Elementary School	356.76	
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**Scholars' Supplies**

High School	\$275.68	
Elementary School	787.62	
	<hr/>	\$1,063.30

**Other Expenses of Instruction, Elementary**

Supervisory Union No. 4, tests and supplies	\$59.15	
Bristol School District, supplies	17.10	
World Book Co., tests	4.04	
Martin & Murray Co., reference books	65.25	
Postindex Co., record books	22.92	
C. S. Hammond Co., supplies	7.50	
University of N.H., films	4.00	
Beaudette & Co., supplies	22.10	
The Enterprise Press, report cards	12.00	
J. L. Hammett Co., diplomas	15.49	
A. H. Rice Co., Inc., supplies	5.04	
	<hr/>	\$234.59

**Other Expenses of Instruction—High School**

James W. Brine Co., supplies	\$48.90	
Educators Progress Co., file	10.85	
George Sullivan, prize speaking	20.00	
High School Activities Fund, expenses	14.57	
California Test Bureau, tests	2.69	
Americana Corporation, encyclopedia	87.25	

Carl Fischer, Inc., music	15.04	
Seven States Gas Co., gas for laboratory	1.12	
The Grolier Society, encyclopedia	125.50	
Lynch's Sports Equipment Co., supplies	19.27	
C. S. Hammond Co., supplies	7.50	
University of N.H., film & tests	1.24	
Pictorial Events, film strips	3.85	
Donald MacGregor, film postage	4.69	
Ideal Pictures, films	19.40	
J. L. Hammett Co., diplomas	34.49	
	<hr/>	\$416.36

**Janitor's Salary**

Charles Lester	\$2,000.00
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**Fuel—High School**

Henry P. Gagnon	\$344.47	
Mascoma Valley Lumber Co.	60.00	
H. L. Webster & Sons	54.00	
	<hr/>	\$458.47

**Fuel—Elementary**

Canaan Oil Co.	\$26.95	
Victor Corno	425.00	
Henry P Gagnon	425.00	
	<hr/>	\$876.95

**Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses—High School**

Crystal Lake Water Co.	\$11.28	
Granite State Electric Co	49.32	
Hilyard Sales Co.	27.41	
West Disinfecting Co.	28.17	
H. L. Webster & Sons	20.44	
	<hr/>	\$136.62

**Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses—Elementary**

Crystal Lake Water Co.	\$22.52	
Bristol School District	15.18	
H. P. Welch Co., express	2.40	
Granite State Electric Co.	335.28	
Victor Corno	.96	
Hilyard Sales Co.	60.34	
White River Paper Co.	6.45	
West Disinfecting Co.	76.73	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	56.05	
Texaco Filling Station	1.92	

Cascade Paper Co.	9.37	
H. L. Webster & Sons	50.42	
Allan H. Murray	18.81	
Eggleston's	4.23	
C. Maurice Gray, express	2.37	
Allegro Chemical Co.	7.50	
Morrison's Rexall	3.57	
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		\$674.10

#### Repairs and Replacements—High School

Marjorie Hill, cleaning	\$2.00	
Cascade Paper Company, supplies	9.37	
C.H.S. Activities Fund, stove	20.00	
Fred H. Johnson Jr., tuning piano	12.00	
Robert Reagan, repairs	6.50	
Charles Lester, labor	6.50	
Ralph Hill, repairs	4.50	
Eggleston's, supplies	74.73	
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		\$135.60

#### Repairs and Replacements—Elementary

Walter Stark, grading	\$12.50	
Morrison's Drug Store, seed	7.50	
Leon Barnum, labor	3.00	
Cascade Paper Co., supplies	19.86	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co., supplies	2.70	
Henry S. Wolkins Co., supplies	8.22	
Lewis Bros., Inc., repairs	32.51	
Ralph Galpin, plowing	6.50	
W. E. Watson, labor	43.00	
Midland Laboratories	14.31	
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		\$150.10

#### Health Supervision—High School

Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary	\$230.42	
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#### Health Supervision—Elementary

Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary	\$460.83	
Morrison's Drug Store, supplies	10.69	
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		\$471.52

#### Transportation—High School

Victor Corno	\$800.00	
Stanley Bogardus	360.00	
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		\$1,160.00

**Transportation—Elementary**

Victor Corno	\$3,200.00	
Stanley Bogardus	1,440.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,640.00

**Tuition—Elementary**

Enfield School District		\$175.00
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**Special Activities and Special Funds—High School**

James Campion	\$31.10	
Victor Corno, mileage	31.00	
C.H.S. Activities Fund, umpires	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$87.10

**Special Activities and Special Funds—Elementary**

School Lunch, reimbursement from		
State	\$1,376.76	
Dulac's Woodworking Shop	79.36	
Mascoma Valley Lumber Co.	23.55	
F. C. Hammond & Son	3.44	
Walter Watson	4.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,488.06

**Retirement**

Supervisory Union No. 4	\$145.74	
N.H. Teachers' Retirement System	1,758.28	
	<hr/>	\$1,904.02

**Insurance, Treasurer's Bond and Expenses**

Frank K. Clarke	\$598.86	
Myrl Webster	44.97	
	<hr/>	\$643.83

**New Equipment**

Mainco Trading Co., flagpole	\$54.17	
West Disinfecting Co.	42.20	
Cascade Paper Co.	177.67	
H.B. Motion Picture Co., stage curtains	217.56	
	<hr/>	\$491.60

**Principal of Debt**

First National Bank of Boston		\$5,000.00
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**Interest on Debt**

First National Bank of Boston		\$1,710.00
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**Loan to Town**

Town of Canaan		\$8,000.00
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Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$65,850.13
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### Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

JOSEPH C. CHANDLER

ALFRED D. NEILY, JR.

ESTHER E. WATSON

School Board

### GENERAL STATISTICS

#### Enrollment by Grades

1952-53

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12—Total
	44	40	34	17	34	19	34	22	25	24	10	15— 318

1953-54

Jan. 8	41	39	33	33	23	31	21	28	19	22	18	8— 316
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#### District Totals

1952-53	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% At'd.
Elementary	208.3	14.8	223.1	93.4
High School	65.9	1.9	67.8	97.2
	<hr/> 274.2	<hr/> 16.7	<hr/> 290.9	<hr/> 94.3
1953-54 Jan. 8				
Elementary	233.3	10.4	243.7	95.7
High School	67.2	2.6	69.8	96.2
	<hr/> 300.5	<hr/> 13.0	<hr/> 313.5	<hr/> 95.9

## Tuition Pupils

District Orange	Pupil	Grade
	Diana Tarr	1
	Chester Smith	1
	Donna Bocash	1
	Susan Wheeler	1
	James Tarr	2
	Barbara Powell	2
	Linda Jones	2
	William Colligen	3
	James Colligen	4
	Margaret Day	4
	Joyce Eastman	4
	Sterling Tarr	5
	Helen Jones	6
	Clifton Wheeler	6
	Gene Smith	7
	Nancy Pettes	8
	Harold Tibbits	8
	M. Jeanette Jones	8
	Mary Lou Pettes	9
	Hazen Lewis Smith	9
	Marjorie Tibbits	9
	Susan Eastman	10
	Margaret Woodbury	11
	Carolyn Pettes	11
Grafton	Jacqueline Cady	5
	Kenneth Aldrich	9
	Gertrude Merrill	12

## SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several significant changes in educational law were made by the last legislature. The amount of state aid was increased from \$600,000 to \$900,000 with the result that Danbury's increased from \$3759 to \$6795 and Canaan's from \$6958 to \$12,390. The two variables besides the total amount available which affect the amount received are the number of resident pupils in attendance and the adjusted valuations as set by the Tax Commission. Decrease in pupils and a boost in adjusted valuations ruins a district's chances of receiving aid. On this basis Bristol is \$25,000 away. Grafton with a loss in pupils from around 85 to 46 likewise becomes ineligible. Once again we make a plea for state aid in sufficient amounts so that those now receiving it may get more, and so that all districts may obtain some. Aid should be large enough to reduce the local tax assessment where needed and at the same time improve the educational plants and offerings to our pupils. Several millions of dollars are necessary to do these two things. The writer believes that such monies will come from new sources of revenue, such as a sales tax, and would like to see a tax pegged for state aid including definite amounts for building for those districts too poor to provide for themselves. We should not be totally dependent on taxes from tobacco, liquor and the race track. The economic and social welfare of New Hampshire will be no better than the thinking of the products of its schools.

A new law now requires that all of the \$2.00 per capita tax be spent for supervision. Under this all unions receive \$2500 from the state, ours gets \$2750 and some unions more than this. Five assistant superintendents are permitted, and helping teachers may be employed where most needed until the total amount of money is spent. Two new unions may be established. This particular union has been under study as one which could well stand relief but there will be no change for 1954-55. Accordingly this will remain one of the two unions with nine districts sharing this doubtful honor with the Lisbon union. All others have less down to the point where the cities and larger towns may have a superintendent by themselves or a superintendent and an assistant. In our union many evening meetings are necessary and supervision is not as it could be. No job can

justify the sacrifice of the physical and mental health of its holder. There are limits to the efficient use of time and energy; eventually neither exists for practical accomplishments. Obviously nine districts can not receive the benefits from anyone that 5, 6 or even 7 can.

Two new age requirements are passed, All pupils must attend school if 6 by September 30 and must remain in school in a district maintaining a high school until 16. These changes aggravate certain problems at both ends of the scale. An extension beyond the age of 16 may well be a reality someday. Programs of study will change to meet an enlargement of an old problem, how and what to teach the non-academic pupil. A question is also raised as to the moral obligation to transport pupils to high school if the law requires their attendance. It is not inconceivable that some legislature in the near future will require this transportation and probably will not supply the funds to do so.

Subversive Teaching. Increasingly important will be the three sided problem of Freedom to Teach versus communism versus communist smear tactics. This has been an issue nationally for some time but it is now filtering down to the local level. We must guard against hypocritical smear attacks against school people using the communist threat as a means to obtain other ulterior and insidious ends. By this we mean such things as charging a teacher with being a communist, or teaching communism, just because we do not like the teacher for any one of a hundred reasons. To do so is using the tactics of the communists themselves.

There is not much new either as to the aims or methods of the communists. In fact communist beliefs and practises have been well documented for nearly 100 years. If no one is allowed to study and to learn about these fiendish things it will be another hundred years before the average person knows much about them. The communists do not need that long to undermine America if it remains with its head in the sands. Teachers must be allowed to teach: 1) facts. 2) how to find the facts. Any supercritical person can find passages in any book which can be distorted and warped: a distorted and warped person can find millions of them! Our youngsters will keep as good a balance as we adults show; we can expect no more even though we may have hopes. Let's

keep a sensible and sane balance about these things and remember the Bill of Rights, the struggle to obtain it, and the basic reasons for its adoption.

Teachers' Salaries. The 1953 Maine Legislature passed a required salary schedule beginning with \$2400 and ending at \$3600 for those with the Master's degree. This is a rather remarkable piece of Legislation for a conservative New England Legislature to pass. There was a time when Maine was a fertile hunting ground for N. H. superintendents searching for teachers! Of course Maine has a much more liberal state aid law and hence can withhold aid from any district not complying with this schedule. The following facts are taken from the School Executive. The average factory wage has increased more than 300% since 1939. National income is up 400% while teachers' salaries are up 220%. Teachers' salaries would have to be increased more than \$1000 for the average teacher to show increases comparable to those of the factory worker. Except for local married teachers (some of whom commute) our schools would not be open. How many districts grant sick leave, leave for death in the family, accident and health insurance, etc? These are some of the "fringe benefits" which help to ease low salaries, and are provided by many industries.

Canaan High School is due to have an enrollment around 100 for several years to come after which, on the basis of present elementary pupils, it will rise towards 140 or more. Obviously we will have problems. The matter of providing adequate space will be one; staffing the school, offering only a minimum program of studies, is another; a better program offering the pupils more in subject matter, in vocational courses, and in extra-curricular activities **should** be others. Somehow these problems will be solved either well or badly as the voters wish to decide. To think of building a new high school is a refusal to face the facts. At the moment the limit of the borrowing capacity of the district is less than \$26,000

and will increase only \$5000 per year for the next 17 years. A building program on any large scale is impossible under present laws and will remain thus until some other branch of the government provides funds for buildings. There remains the matter of using the present building, increasing the staff and program in so far as possible, and the alternative of sending all or part of the pupils away on a tuition basis. Either way will cost money. An expanding school population even in times of a stationary economy will require increased funds. These problems and possibilities, and there are others, demand the detailed study and thought of many persons. There should be no quick and easy solutions reached and whatever may be done should be done slowly. It is not too early to begin.

There is nothing in our pre-school census to indicate small first grades for several years, if at all. Accordingly it is my recommendation that an extra teacher be hired beginning next year in order that the pupils in the lower grades, particularly the first and second, may be taught in smaller groups than is now possible. Eighty pupils in grades one and two certainly constitute enough to require three teachers. Much individual work is necessary with beginning pupils.

There is a critical shortage of teachers throughout the United States and since the number of births for the current year is near an all time high it is safe to say that the shortage will remain for years to come. The conversion of high school teachers to elementary teaching will stop soon because of the anticipated increase in high school enrollments. Although we may not see the results directly in our union, every time a teacher leaves the state the number available throughout the state becomes less and it becomes increasingly difficult to find replacements. Some of our new graduates are not accepting jobs in New Hampshire but take more attractive offers elsewhere. Beginning salaries last year averaged a bit over \$2800.

A report on State Aid appears earlier in this report. We wish to emphasize the need of more of the same for Canaan in view of our future educational picture. Only when the average voter demands it will there be a drastic change in the amounts voted by the legislature.

In view of past accomplishments it would seem safe to say that progress can be made in the future but only through the continued co-operation of all concerned. It is a pleasure to have a small part in this progress.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY, Supt.

### School Calendar 1954-1955

Open	Close
Sept. 8 (Wed.)	Dec. 22 (Wed.)
Jan. 3	Feb. 18
Feb. 28	Apr. 22
May 2	June 14 (Tues.)

Days out: Nov. 25, 26; May 30.

Close 12:30 Nov. 24, Dec. 22.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions and up to 5 for workshops.

Pupils must attend school if 6 by September 30 and may enter if 6 by January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.



## 1952 - 53

District	\$2 Per Capita to State	Supt's. Salary	Travel Expense	Office	Convention	Clerk	Nurse	Total to Union
Alexandria	\$152.00	\$197.84	\$58.80	\$22.13	\$5.88	\$97.36	\$152.50	\$534.51
Bridgewater	68.00	217.75	65.00	24.37	6.50	107.25	168.75	589.62
Bristol	566.00	1,242.85	371.00	139.12	36.10	612.15	956.25	3,358.47
Canaan	600.00	901.05	269.10	100.88	26.91	443.85	691.25	2,433.04
Danbury	226.00	259.43	77.70	29.07	7.77	127.87	200.00	701.84
Grafton	198.00	252.82	75.60	28.31	7.56	124.58	196.25	685.12
Groton	32.00	104.15	30.70	11.62	3.07	51.15	Nurse	200.69
Hebron	32.00	142.18	42.70	15.94	4.27	70.13	11.25	386.47
Orange	40.00	31.93	9.40	3.56	.94	15.66	23.75	85.24
Totals Paid by State	\$1,914.00	\$3,350.00	\$1,000.00	\$375.00	\$100.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,500.00	\$8,975.00
		\$2,275.00						
		\$5,625.00						









